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FOR JANUARY. Number of copies mailed of Park's
Floral Magazine, as indicated by Postoffice receipts
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Floral Magazine, as indicated by press counters

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Address all advertising communications to **THE ELLIS COMPANY, Advn'g Managers,**
713-718 Temple Court, New York, N. Y.

THE NEW FRAGRANT CALLA AND ST. BRIGID ANEMONE FREE.



To anyone who subscribes for PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE, sending 25 cents therefore before May 1st, 1899, I will send as a premium a plant of the New Fragrant Calla and one of the new St. Brigid Anemone. The Calla is a variety of semi-dwarf, compact habit, and bears in abundance beautiful, large white flowers with a pleasing fragrance. It is as easily grown as the common Calla, takes up less room, more shapely in appearance, and is in every way more desirable. You will never regret adding this lovely sort to your collection. See engraving.

The St. Brigid Anemone is a large flowered variety of the Crown Anemone. The flowers are as large and showy as Poppies, and come with the Hyacinths in early spring. In a well-drained soil they will endure the winter if planted in the spring, so as to get well established the first season. Such plants will also bloom in the autumn.

One plant of each—both Calla and Anemone, will be sent as a premium when called for. Subscribe at once.

Other Premiums.

5 Giant Tuberous Begonias, in five different colors.

- 4 Superb Hybrid Gloxinias in four splendid colors.
- 26 packets Choice Vegetable seeds in 26 splendid varieties.

Any of the above premiums may be selected by those remitting 25 cents for a years subscription to the MAGAZINE before May 1st.

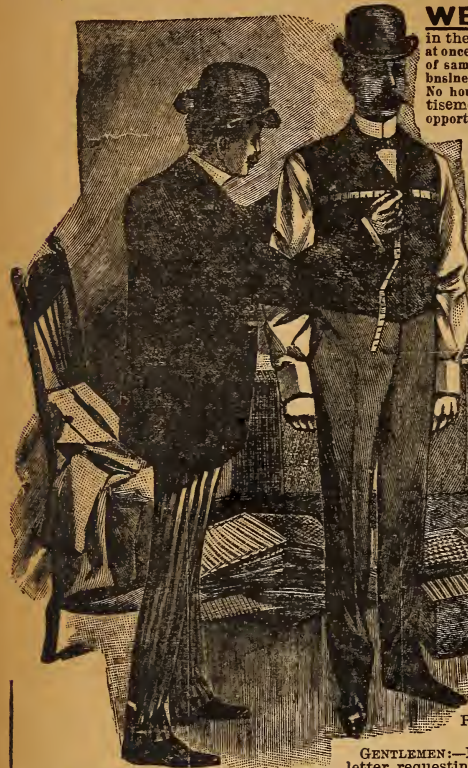
Acalypha Sanderiana.—A small plant of this lovely novelty may be secured as a premium by paying 25 cents extra (50 cents in all) or a larger plant by paying 75 cents extra (\$1.00.) Or, I will supply it at \$5.00 per dozen for small, and \$10.00 per dozen for larger plants, sending by mail, postpaid.

NOTE.—No plants will be mailed during cold weather unless the subscriber will assume the responsibility in transit. If left to my discretion, I will mail when I consider it safe to do so, and will guarantee safe arrival. Address,

GEO. W. PARK, Pub. Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

Clothing Salesmen Wanted.

\$150.00 PER MONTH AND EXPENSES MADE BY ALL OUR ACTIVE MEN. WE PAY MANY FAR MORE.



WE WANT MEN IN EVERY COUNTY

in the United States. If your reference is satisfactory we will start you at once. No experience necessary. No capital required. We furnish a full line of samples, stationery, etc. A tailor's-for-the-trade complete outfit ready for business. **NO COMMISSION PLAN.** You regulate your profits to suit yourself. No house-to-house canvass. This is not one of the many catchy advertisements for agents, but one of the very few advertisements offering a rare opportunity to secure strictly high-grade employment at **BIG WAGES.**

We are the LARGEST TAILORS in America.

We make over 300,000 suits annually. We occupy entire one of the largest business blocks in Chicago. We refer you to the Corn Exchange National Bank in Chicago, any Express or Railroad Co. in Chicago, any resident of Chicago. Before engaging with us, write to any friend in Chicago and ask them to come and see us, then write you if it is a rare opportunity to secure steady, high-class, big-paying employment. **BETTER STILL—**come to Chicago yourself and see us before engaging and satisfy yourself regarding every word we say. You can get steady work and big pay. Work in your own county 300 days in the year and you can't make less than \$5 every day above all expenses. **WE WANT TO ENGAGE YOU** to take orders for our Made-to-Order-and-Measure Custom Tailoring, (Men's Suits, Pants and Overcoats).

We put you in the way to take orders from almost every man in your county; a business better than a store with a \$20,000.00 stock. You will have no competition.

WE ARE THE LARGEST TAILORS IN AMERICA

Of Fine Custom-Made Garments. We buy our cloth direct from the largest European and American Mills. We control the product of several Woolen Mills. We operate the most extensive and economic custom tailoring plant in existence, thus reducing the price of Suits and Overcoats made to order to \$5.00 and upward; Pants from \$1.50 to \$5.00. We show a large line of suits at from \$3.00 to \$9.00. Prices so low that nearly everyone in your county will be glad to have their suits **MADE TO ORDER.**

WE FURNISH YOU

a large, handsome leather-bound book, containing large cloth samples of our entire line of Suitings, Pantaloons, etc., a book which COSTS US SEVERAL DOLLARS; also Fine Colored Fashion Plates, Instruction book, Tape Measure, Business Cards, Stationery, Advertising Matter, and your name and address on rubber stamp with pad complete. We also furnish you a Salesman's Net Confidential Price List. The prices are left blank under each description so you can fill in your own selling prices, arranging your profit to suit yourself. As soon as you receive your sample book and general outfit and have read our book of instructions carefully, which teaches you how to take orders, and marked in your selling price, you are ready for business and can begin taking orders from every one. At your localities, business men, farmers, and factory men will order their suits made. You can take several orders every day at \$1.00 to

Rio, Wis.
June 20th, 1898.

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your letter requesting the use of my photograph for advertising purposes, and asking how I am pleased with the work, would say I do not object to you using my photograph, as your prices are very low and garments so exact to my measurements that I gladly recommend you. I would add that I have never made less than \$80.00 per month since I received your first outfit, and in the best months have made as high as \$350.00 per month. Very truly,
E. J. DOYLE.

Should you write Mr. Doyle, be sure to enclose a 3c stamp for reply. We have hundreds of letters similar to Mr. Doyle's.

\$5.00 profit on every order. EVERY ONE WILL BE ASTONISHED AT YOUR LOW PRICES. YOU REQUIRE NO MONEY. Just take the orders and send them to us, and we will make the garments within 5 days and send direct to your customers by express C. O. D., subject to examination and approval, at your selling price, and collect your full selling price, and every week we will send you a check for all your profit. You need collect no money, deliver no goods, simply go on taking orders, adding a liberal profit and we deliver the goods, collect all the money and every week promptly send you in one round check for your full profit for the week. **NEARLY ALL OUR GOOD MEN GET A CHECK FROM US OF AT LEAST \$40.00 every week in the year.**

THE OUTFIT IS FREE. We make no charge for the book and complete outfit, but as each outfit costs US SEVERAL DOLLARS, to protect ourselves against many who would impose on us by sending for the outfit with no intention of working, but merely out of idle curiosity, as a GUARANTEE OF GOOD FAITH on the part of EVERY APPLICANT, we require you to fill out the blank lines below, giving the names of two parties as reference, and further agreeing to pay, merely as a temporary loan, **ONE DOLLAR** and express charges for the outfit, when received, if found as represented and really a rare way of making big wages. The \$1.00 you agree to pay when outfit is received does not begin to pay the cost to us, but insures us you mean business. **WE WILL REFUND YOUR \$1.00 as soon as your orders have amounted to \$25.00.** Which amount you can take the first day you work.

Fill out the following lines carefully, sign your name, cut out and send to us, and the outfit will be sent you at once. **AMERICAN WOOLEN MILLS CO., West Side Enterprise Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.**

GENTLEMEN:—Please send me by express, C. O. D., subject to examination, your Sample Book and Complete Salesman's Outfit, as described above. I agree to examine it at the express office and, found exactly as represented and I feel I can make good big wages taking orders for you, I agree to pay the express agent, as a guarantee, a \$1.00 which I shall be refunded to me as soon as my sales have amounted to \$25.00. If not found as represented and I am not perfectly satisfied I shall not take the outfit or pay one cent.

Sign your name on above line.

Name of Postoffice, County and State on above line.

Your age

Married or single

Address your letters plainly to

On above two lines give as reference, names of two men over 21 years of age who have known you one year or longer.

On above line give name of your nearest express office.

AMERICAN WOOLEN MILLS CO., West Side Enterprise Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

Will Mail Sample Bottle on Receipt of 25c.

SUFFERED FROM RHEUMATISM

FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY---NOW CURED.

Unsolicited Testimonials and Sworn Affidavits Offered
To Prove Every Assertion---"5 DROPS" Scores
Marvelous Triumphs; Breaks Its Own Record.

What I. M. Duke, Lemon, Miss., has to say about "5 DROPS."

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., CHICAGO: Dear Sirs—I will say to you and the rest of the world that it has been many years since I have been able to do a day's work until this spring. I commenced taking "5 DROPS" in December last, and I now feel like a new man. I have had the Rheumatism ever since I was 5 years old. I am now 60 odd years old and cured.

June 20, 1898.

Yours gratefully. I. M. DUKE,
Lemon, Miss.,

Cured by "5 DROPS" After Physicians and all Medicines Fail.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., CHICAGO: Gentlemen—This is to certify that "5 DROPS" cured my wife of a very severe case of Rheumatism. I had used various liniments and patent medicines, and had the best physicians in West Texas on her case, all with no effect. She grew worse all the time and got so she had to be turned in bed; had no use of herself and one side, the arm, leg, etc., looked as though it never would be restored. This looks pretty "thin," but it is a fact and if any one doubts it affidavit can be made as to its truth. Should any one wish to know about this God-sent remedy let them write me, inclosing self-addressed stamped envelope, and I will prove it.

June 21, 1898.

Gratefully. JOHN OLIVER,
Huckabay, Texas.

Cured by "5 DROPS" Two Years Ago From Rheumatism and Heart Weakness After Suffering 49 Years---69 Years Old and Still Well.

IT PROVES TO BE A PERMANENT CURE.—READ LETTERS.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167 Dearborn St., Chicago: Dear Sir—Your bottles of "5 DROPS" received. It was for an old friend Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Martinstown, Wis. He has had Neuralgia in his chest, suffering a great deal of pain, so much so that it affected his heart, and he could not sleep on account of a smothered feeling. He had been under the care of the most eminent physicians, but obtained no relief until I gave him a dose of "5 DROPS." He rested well the very first night, and has ever since, and is gaining daily. I myself am 69 years old and commenced taking "5 DROPS" last April for Rheumatism, which has troubled me terribly for 49 years; also for a weak heart, from which I have suffered since I was 18. Since taking "5 DROPS" the Rheumatism has all disappeared, the stiffness has gone from my joints and my heart never misses a beat. In all my life I have never felt so well, and I owe my health to "5 DROPS." I only wish I could sound my bugle of praise loud enough to be heard the world over, and could convince every sufferer that "5 DROPS" is all you claim it to be and more.

Sept. 9, 1896.

Mrs. D. T. Carver,
Winslow, Stevenson Co., Ill.

STILL WELL TWO YEARS LATER.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO.—Two years ago this present month I sent you an unsolicited testimonial of what "5 DROPS" had done for myself and friend, Mr. Edwards, and now I want to send you another, saying we have not had a return of Neuralgia or Rheumatism since. I think the cure must be permanent; but if it should return, I keep "5 DROPS" in the house and I know that would stop it. It is good for so many things no house should be without it.

Sept. 26, 1898.

Yours truly, Mrs. D. T. Carver.

If you have not sufficient confidence, after reading these letters to send for one large bottle for \$1.00, which will surely cure you, then send for a 25c bottle which contains enough medicine to more than satisfy you of its wonderful curative properties. Prepaid by mail or express. This wonderful curative gives almost instant relief and is a permanent cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis and kindred diseases.

"5 DROPS" is the name and dose. Large bottle (300 doses) \$1.00, prepaid by mail or express; three bottles \$2.50; samples 25c. Sold only by us and our agents.



[TRADE MARK.]

Agents appointed in new territory.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

WE START YOU IN BUSINESS. No Capital Required.



NEARLY
250 PAGES
FULLY ILLUSTRATED



to change our business methods, as we wish to satisfy every person before they order samples that we have goods which they can sell, and upon which they can make big money. With this end in view we will send, **FREE** for the next thirty days, our **Mammoth Catalogue**, containing over 250 pages and 1,500 illustrations, printed on elegant paper, and handsomely bound, and costing us upwards of 50 cents each to print and mail.

REMEMBER Our prices are fully ten per cent. below those of jewelry and department stores in most places. Wholesale or agents' prices and all necessary information for carrying on the business will be furnished with the Catalogue. On all orders for our goods from agents, we allow a discount of one-half the retail prices.

Send **46 Cents** in **P. O. Money Order** or **stamps** for the **Our Mammoth OUR RELIABILITY** full confidence in our integrity and responsibility, we respectfully refer to any of the large Express Companies in this City, who have carried for us during the past **nineteen years** thousands of shipments to all parts of the country. If our dealings were not straightforward they would be the first to know it. Address

STANDARD SILVERWARE COMPANY, 65 Pearl Street, Boston, Mass.

THE chance of a life time to make money and make it easily.

If you are out of work, or are not satisfied with your present business, and you would like to make more money, we can furnish you with profitable employment the year round. No experience required. We can teach you our business and if you have the average ability there is no such word as **fail**. We recognize the fact that **your success** is our success. Agents who follow our instructions always **make money**. The business is honest, the goods are the most durable of any product ever put on the market. The public eagerly examine your handsome samples and readily buy. We guarantee you the most pleasant, most reliable and best paying business you ever engaged in; in fact you are as sure to make from **\$3.00 to \$5.00** per day as the sun is to rise. The goods we have for you to sell are those enumerated in our Catalogue, and mentioned below.

THE FIRST THING TO DO, If you decide to accept an agency, is to send for the agent's outfit. It contains the very best and most salable articles in the world. There is nothing in the market that agents can sell as fast and so easily and make the profit that they can on goods shown in our illustrated catalogue. As soon as you receive the roll and catalogue you are ready for business.

THIS ELEGANT OUTFIT Is made up from the most Salable and Attractive Patterns which we have, all put up in a very handsome, neatly arranged roll, convenient to carry, suitable for canvassing, together with our **Mammoth Illustrated Catalogue**, showing our entire line, Order Blanks and your appointment as our authorized Agent; in fact we send you everything necessary to do business with. Remember, this Outfit is worth far more than you advance for it; in fact, the Outfit costs us upwards of **One Dollar**. We only ask **46 Cents** as a guarantee that you mean **Business**, and that you will accept an Agency, and make sales of our goods in your neighborhood. **POSTPAID 46 CENTS.**

To simply protect ourselves against many who would impose upon us by sending for an Outfit out of idle curiosity and with no intention of working; as a guarantee of good faith on the part of every applicant, we require a deposit of **46 Cents**. We will guarantee to refund this amount as soon as your orders have amounted to \$20.00, which amount you should be able to take in a very few days' time.

As there have been so many advertisements issued, calling for agents where the outfit must be purchased in advance, people have become sceptical in regard to sending money for samples before they know what the goods are, what they cost, or who they are representing; hence we have decided

OUR LINE

embraces a large assortment of low priced **Silver Plated Novelties**, also **Knives, Forks, Spoons, Napkin Rings, Tea Sets, Water Pitchers, Casters, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Gold Watches, Silver Watches, Watch Chains, Diamond Rings, Jewelry, Clocks, Albums, Optical Goods,** and a thousand and one useful household articles.



TEA SET FREE 56 PIECES.

Full size for family use, beautifully decorated & most artistic design. A rare chance. You can get this handsome china tea set & one dozen silver plated tea spoons for selling our Pills. We mean what we say & will give this beautiful tea set absolutely free if you comply with the extraordinary offer we send to every person taking advantage of this advertisement. To quickly sell our pills you will divide the amount equally. The balance of the advertising appropriation \$1,900 will be divided in lesser prizes & a value of \$2,000, so each one will receive a present. Everyone must enclose 25 cents with answer for subscription to our magazine, which will be refunded if dissatisfied. This is no chance scheme. We now have 100,000 readers secured by honesty, liberality and novel advertising. Presents sent immediately. Address

Introduce our Vegetable Pills, a sure cure for constipation, indigestion & torpid liver, if you agree to sell only six boxes of Pills at 25 cts. a box write to-day and we send Pills by mail, when sold send us the money & we send you one dozen Silver plated tea spoons together with our offer of a 56 piece china tea set same day money is received. This is a liberal inducement to every lady in the land and all who received the spoons and tea set for selling our Pills are delighted. **AMERICAN MEDICINE COMPANY, Dept. R, 30 WEST 13th St., NEW YORK CITY.**

\$2,000.00 FOR A WOMAN'S FACE.

We propose spending above sum in presents to advertise our magazine. Look sharply at the moon tonight and you will see accompanying cut is an exact reproduction. Can you find a **Woman's Face** in it? If so, mark it out in this cut and send same to us. If correct, you will receive \$100 in cash. If more than one sends correct reply we will divide the amount equally. The balance of the advertising appropriation \$1,900 will be divided in lesser prizes & a value of \$2,000, so each one will receive a present. Everyone must enclose 25 cents with answer for subscription to our magazine, which will be refunded if dissatisfied. This is no chance scheme. We now have 100,000 readers secured by honesty, liberality and novel advertising. Presents sent immediately. Address

WOMEN'S IDEAS PUB. CO., Women's Ideas Bldg, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



CHOICE VEGETABLE SEEDS.



BET.

For 10 Cents I send these Choice Vegetable Seeds—10 well-filled packets, fresh, first-class, and of the very best sorts. There are none better. Trial subscription to Magazine included, if you are not already a subscriber. See your friends and neighbors and get up a club. Read the list:

Beet, Improved Edmand.

A perfect Beet for family use, surpassing all others. It is early, of large size, blood-red, never woody, but always tender, very sweet, rich and melting. Very productive and keeps well till spring. Use it once and you will have no other. Per oz. 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 12 cents.

Cabbage, Select Early Jersey Wakefield.

This is the earliest Cabbage in cultivation, and the strain offered bears heads almost twice the size of the Common Wakefield Cabbage, while it is short-stemmed, very solid, and can be used throughout the season. It is sure to head, and is sweet, crisp and delicious, either raw or cooked. It is certainly the best early Cabbage. Per oz. 15 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 40 cents.

Cabbage, Excelsior Late Flat Dutch.

For the main crop this is the best of all varieties of Cabbage. Every plant forms an immense, solid head, sweet, crisp, tender, does not often burst, and keeps well throughout winter. It can truly be called Excelsior, as there is not another late variety that can excel it in any respect, no matter how highly described or how wonderful its history. This is the best late Cabbage. Nothing can be better than the best. Per oz. 12 cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 40 cts.

Cucumber, Improved White Spine.

The most desirable of Cucumbers, either for slicing or pickling. Medium in size, early, very prolific, handsome in appearance, crisp and tender. It has no equal. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents.

Lettuce, Improved Hanson.

A very superior Lettuce, coming early, and continuing tender and usable longer than any other sort. The leaves are beautifully curled and crimped, rich greenish golden yellow, densely arranged, and devoid of the unpleasant bitterness of most sorts. Oz. 8 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30 cts.

Onion, Wethersfield Early Red.

This is a superior Onion, that matures early, yielding large, solid, mild-flavored bulbs that keep well till Onions come again. It produces large bulbs from seeds the first season when sown early, thinned and cultivated. For sets sow thickly. Per oz. 10 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 35 cents.

Muskmelon, Emerald Gem.

From repeated trials we believe the Emerald Gem is the best Muskmelon for the family garden. The melons are not large, but the vines are hardy and prolific, as easily grown as a Cucumber, and every melon will ripen sweet and delicious, even in locations where other sorts are worthless. A trial will convince you of its merits. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents.

Radish, Choice Mixture.

For the family garden a mixture of early, medium and late sorts is most satisfactory, as the Radish bed will thus supply the table throughout the season. I offer a first-class mixture of the best sorts, that will be sure to please. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents.

Parsnip, Improved Sugar.

This is not the old-fashioned long, slim, late Parsnip, but a greatly improved variety, large, thick, short, early maturing, of fine texture and very sugary. It is unexcelled, and always satisfactory. The seeds offered are fresh, and can be depended upon for a fine crop. Per ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 10 cts.

Tomato, Improved Beauty.

A very early Tomato, large, smooth and solid, borne in fine clusters, sweet, and of high flavor. Does not wrinkle, rot or crack, as many early Tomatoes do. Excellent for either slicing or canning. Unsurpassed as an all-round sort for the family garden. Per ounce 15 cts., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50 cts.

The above 10 packets Choicest Vegetables only 10 cents, and trial subscription to MAGAZINE, if not already a subscriber. Ask your friends to send with you. If not satisfied when you get the seeds return them and I will refund your money. To encourage club orders I will send one of the following for each additional order you may send, or all, 16 packets, for a club of 15 (\$1.50): Asparagus, Snap Bean, Carrot, Paschal Celery, Country Gentleman Sweet Corn, Egg Plant, Kohl Rabi, Melon, Parsley, McLean's Gem Pea, Squash, Stone Tomato, Salsify, Turnip, Rutabaga, Spinach. Any packet 3 cents, or all, including the 10-cent collection (26 pkts.), for only 25 cents. You can secure enough seeds for a large vegetable garden by a half hour's work among your friends. Address

GEO. W. PARK,

Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

PLEASE NOTE.—26 packets Best Vegetables, all different, a complete garden, only 25 cts. See list above.



CUCUMBER.



EARLY CABBAGE.



LETTUCE.



ONION.



RADISH.



LATE CABBAGE.



MUSKMELON.



PARSNIP.



TOMATO.

SEND ONE DOLLAR

you by freight C. O. D. subject to examination, you can examine it at your freight depot and if you find it EQUAL TO ANY \$100.00 TOP BUGGY you ever saw, perfectly satisfactory and the **GREATEST BARGAIN YOU HAVE EVER SEEN OR HEARD OF**, pay the railroad agent

OUR SPECIAL OFFER PRICE \$55.00

cut this ad out and send to us and if you live East of the Rocky Mountains we will send this **HIGH-GRADE TOP BUGGY** to you by freight depot and if you find it EQUAL TO ANY \$100.00 TOP BUGGY you ever saw, perfectly satisfactory and the **GREATEST BARGAIN YOU HAVE EVER SEEN OR HEARD OF**, pay the railroad agent

**\$16.50
TO
\$90.00
BUGGIES
AND
SURREYS.**



ACME QUEEN. (OUR OWN MAKE.)

bodies are Water Rubbed and the Material and Labor in Painting **\$55.00 BARELY COVERS COST** of material and labor, leaving us the smallest profit imaginable, but we are building 70 buggies a day and to advertise our buggy factory we are willing to **SELL THEM ON \$1.00 PROFIT EACH**. We know \$70.00 daily profit on 70 buggies will satisfy us, advertise us everywhere and build up the **LARGEST BUGGY BUSINESS IN THE WORLD**.

THE ACME QUEEN we build in narrow or wide track, cloth or leather trimmed, end springs, buffed leather quarter top, solid panel back, springs in back, leather covered Bows and Nuts, Rubber Steps, Velvet Carpet, body, 24x4 inches, No. 1 Sarven's patent screwed rim wheels, painted in 16 coats, body black, gear dark green with very delicate modest striping, complete with shafts, side and back curtains, boot storm upon and anti-rattlers and shafts, Pole, Neck yoke and Whiffletrees in place of shafts. **BUGGY WEIGHS 400 POUNDS** and the freight will average for 200 miles, \$2.00; 300 miles, \$2.75; 400 miles, \$3.25; 500 miles, \$3.60; 1,000 miles, \$6.00.

SEND ONE DOLLAR with your order, **WE GUARANTEE** the Buggy to Reach You Safely and if satisfactory, pay the railroad agent balance, \$54.00 and freight charges, otherwise pay nothing and the agent will return buggy at our expense and we will return your \$1.00.

DON'T BUY A CHEAP FACTORY BUGGY now sold almost exclusively by all Machinery Dealers and Catalogue Houses. **BUY THE BEST BUGGY MONEY CAN BUY IN THE EAST** from the Maker at the **LOWEST PRICE EVER KNOWN. ORDER TO DAY. DON'T DELAY.**

WRITE FOR OUR FREE BUGGY, CARRIAGE AND HARNESS CATALOGUE.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO. (Inc.), CHICAGO, ILL.

PRESENT SALES, TWO MILLIONS A WEEK.

RIPANS

FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS

such as wind and Pain in the Stomach, Giddiness, Fullness after meals, Headache, Dizziness, Drowsiness, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Costiveness, Blistches on the Skin, Cold Chills, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams and all nervous and Trembling Sensations. **THE FIRST ONE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES.** Every sufferer will acknowledge them to be

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE

They promptly cure Sick Headache

For a Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Disordered Liver in Men, Women or Children Ripans Tabules are without a rival and they now have the largest sale of any patent medicine in the world.

WANTED

A case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-S will not benefit. R-I-P-A-N-S, 10 for 5 cents, or 12 packets for 45 cents, may be had of all druggists who are willing to sell a low-priced medicine at a moderate profit. They banish pain and prolong life. One gives relief. Accept no substitute. Note the word R-I-P-A-N-S on the packet. Send 5 cents to Ripans Chemical Co., No. 10 Spruce St., New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—My sister Bess takes your Magazine regularly, and always gives me some of your seeds. They grow finely here on the Ozark mountains. In the spring I will send you by mail some of our mountain Pansies, which are very beautiful. My papa has a horse named Patky, and I have great fun riding him. We had great success with your collection last summer. The Celosias and Poppies were just grand, and they all grew finely. If you ever come to the Ozark mountains come and see me.

Mary T. Boyer, Age 10 years,
Sto, Mo., Jan. 14, 1899.

[NOTE.—That is an invitation the Editor will gladly accept should he ever ramble among the Ozark mountains.—Ed.]

Dear Mr. Park:—I would not be without your Magazine. I have all the volumes from 1895 to 1899, and find them very useful for reference. We live on a farm of 123 acres in a beautiful place, and have a lovely yard of Roses and other flowers. I am a little girl, and have been a cripple all of my life. I dearly love flowers, and spend most of the summer time among them. We came from Kentucky to Missouri a year ago. There are high hills and big rocks here, but some of the land is level and rich, and we grow lovely flowers. I enjoy the rocks, and they make good edgings for my flower beds. I would like to correspond with girls of 15 years who love flowers, fancy work and nice quilts.

Lydia R. Underhill.
Bollinger Co., Mo., Jan. 21, 1899.

Don't fail to read the marvelous cures by "45 Drops" on another page.



H.C.B. A wonderful preparation the smoothest face in 19 days. 4000 bottles given away! If you want one, send 10 cents for postage etc. to **WESSON MANUFACTURING CO., 223 E Street, Providence, R. I.**



MARKET ASTER.



MIGNONETTE.



PANSY.



SCHIZANTHUS.



TEN WEEKS' STOCK.

All For 10 Cts.

I want everyone who loves and cultivates flowers to become acquainted with this **MAGAZINE**, and to further extend its circulation and influence I make this unparalleled offer: Send me ten cents, and I will mail my **MAGAZINE** three months on trial and the following fine collection of **14 packets**

Choice Flower Seeds.

Aster, Queen of the Market, a superb early-flowering variety; finest double; all colors; 23 sorts mixed.

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Dear Mr. Park:—My sister takes your Magazine, I like to read it very much. I live in the country, three miles from town. We have lots of chickens and pigs. I have two sisters and one brother. We have one little white pony. I go to school, and I am in the next to the highest class. I like to go to school. I like flowers.

Bessie Reece, (age 10 years.)

Oxford, Kas., Jan. 7, 1899.

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Millard and Eddie Doub, (Ages 12 and 10 years.)
Monroe Co., Ind., Jan. 14, 1899.

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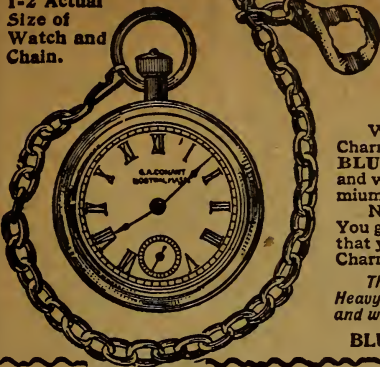
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BRIEF ANSWERS.

Red Spider.—A remedy for Red Spider is to syringe the infected plants with a solution of soap suds, dashing it upon the undersides of the leaves, then rinse with clear water. If they are bad, however, it is best to pick off the infected leaves and burn them.

Gasteria.—This is a genus of about fifty species closely allied to Aloe, and often classed under that genus. They are natives of Cape of Good Hope, succulent greenhouse evergreens blooming in winter. Give them a soil composed of loam and peat with some well-decayed manure, all well mixed. See that the drainage is good. Water sparingly in winter. Always give them a well-lighted situation. Winter temperature 40°, summer 50° to 75°. Propagated from leaves or suckers placed in moist sand.

Watering Begonias and Gloxinias.—Tuberous Begonias and Gloxinias require a moderate supply of water at all times during their growing and blooming season. Do not let them dry out. If kept too wet, however, they will rot or the stalks damp off. To avoid damping off the tubers are usually potted with the crown above the soil.

Heliotrope.—Plants of Heliotrope are easily raised from seeds, and will bloom freely during the autumn if started early in spring. They like rich, moist soil and a sunny situation. Grown in pots they require good drainage and direct sunlight, but the hot rays should not shine against the pot.

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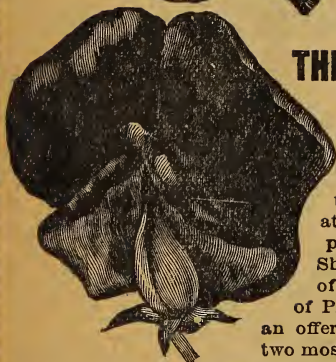
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SPRING FLOWERS.

The snow lies soft and pure,
O'er valley, hill and glen,
And locked beneath, secure,
Are flowerets without end.
But soon snow's glistening robe
Will vanish out of sight,
And flowerets will be wooed
By breezes soft and light.
Beneath such sweet caresses,
They'll slowly lift their heads,
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Erie Co., Pa., Jan. 26, 1899. *Littie Ripley.*

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A. Blanc.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9, 1899.

Filifera Palms.—Last spring I plant-

ed four Palm seeds, having first worn the shell thin at one end with a file. They were planted in a box with soil about two inches deep, and set in the hot-bed. Three of them soon came up. When they had two leaves I transplanted them to one pint tin cans, in which they are still growing. For soil, I took some of the top soil of the hot-bed, which is usu-



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Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 19, 1898.

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Begonias and Gloxinias Somewhat Spongy.—If kept for a few days in a dry warm room the tubers of Begonias and Gloxinias will wither slightly, and appear somewhat spongy. This does not indicate that they lack vitality, however, and the tubers should not be regarded with suspicion because they are slightly wilted. When frozen these tubers will not only appear spongy, but the skin will peel off, and a watery substance will be exuded. It is generally better to have tubers that are not wilted, but in the warm postal-cars and post-office buildings the wilting may occur in transit, as the proper temperature for these tubers in winter is 50°. Potted in moist soil, however, the tubers, if sound, should soon regain their plumpness, and give evidence of their vitality.

Geraniums Not Opening.—It is not uncommon for the buds of certain Geraniums to only partially develop, especially during the dull, cloudy days of winter. When this trouble occurs note the affected varieties, and do not attempt their culture again during winter. There are plenty of good varieties that will perfect their flowers, and these should be given the place of those that do not bloom satisfactorily.

Grevillea robusta.—This is a plant not only easily grown from seeds, but thrives with ordinary care in the window garden. It is rather fern-like in appearance, and a fine decorative plant, tenacious of life, and capable of withstanding much neglect. The same soil, watering and treatment given a Palm, will grow the Grevillea satisfactorily.

Farfugium grande.—This beautiful, spotted-leaved plant thrives in a porous, peaty soil, and should be watered freely during its growing period. In winter give it a cool place and apply water sparingly.

WHY ROSES DO NOT BLOOM.

TO bloom well in the house in winter Roses of suitable kinds should be carefully grown in pots in summer. Avoid those that mildew readily, and those that are not everblooming. Hermosa, pink, Arch Duke Charles, variegated, white Maman Cochet, Francisca Kruger, yellow, and Clotilde Soupert, peach-white, are all adapted for house culture, and will yield a variety of colors. Get the plants in the spring, pot in three-inch pots, and shift into larger pots as they grow. During summer plunge the pots in coal ashes in a partially shaded place, syringe frequently. Keep most of the buds picked off and prune or cut back straggling branches. By winter you will have fine large plants in six-inch pots, ready to bud and bloom; they should supply Roses throughout the winter months, if kept in a sunny window, watered regularly, and a moist, warm temperature maintained. When the buds of a branch have all developed cut the branch back. This will encourage the growth of new, vigorous branches, upon which will be found blooming buds. Place chopped tobacco stems over the surface soil in the pot. This will keep off the insects and enrich the soil. Syringe with soap-suds twice a week to prevent an attack of the red spider. These are simple rules for the culture of house Roses, but if any of these are neglected success cannot be expected. They are all essential.

Bridal Rose.—This is a shrub from China, hardy as far north as New York. It is a species of "Blackberry" with double flowers. It is not very satisfactory as an ornamental plant, as the tops winter-kill, and the roots continuously throw up suckers or sprouts, which make a spindling growth. Perhaps the best way to manage it is to plant in a wild nook or corner where you can let it take care of itself. It is useless to remove the suckers, as the more you dig them up the greater will be their number, and the more slender their growth. The blooming period is in the spring, when the common Blackberry is blooming. The flowers are mostly semi-double, and of a greenish white color.

Narcissus After Blooming.—After blooming in the house it is as well to discard the Chinese, Paper White and other half-hardy varieties of Narcissus, especially if they have been grown in water. In a mild climate they might be planted out and allowed to take care of themselves; but at the North the care they would require till blooming bulbs were again secured would be more than the original cost of the bulbs, and it is better to discard them and buy new ones every season.

LITTLE GEM CALLA.

AN enquirer in North Carolina has had a Little Gem Calla for three years, but it does not bloom or even grow satisfactorily. It is potted in a compost of soil, woods dirt, sand and manure from the chicken house. The older leaves turn yellow and drop off, and new ones come on. In summer it is kept on an east piazza, and in winter on a south window. Weak coffee and lime water are applied, and occasionally some castor oil. The question is asked "why does it not bloom, and what treatment does it require?"

In the first place, it was wrong to use manure from the chicken house to enrich the soil without first piling it up with layers of sod or earth till well rotted and incorporated. Such manure will injure any plant upon which it is used, if applied in its full strength. In the second place the use of coffee and lime water to keep the soil moist is also likely to prove detrimental to the health of the plant. As to Castor oil it is well to avoid it altogether. It will simply clog the soil and retard evaporation. Its use as a fertilizer is not to be recommended.

And now, regarding the treatment: Take the plant out of the soil in which it now is, wash the roots, and repot in a clean pot with good drainage; use a compost of half-rotted sods, well decayed stable manure and sand, equal parts. Set the tuber an inch under the surface, and water moderately till growth begins, then apply water more freely. Keep the pot in an east window, or where it will get a modicum of direct sunlight, and enjoy a moist, rather warm temperature. On the approach of winter give it a cooler place, and let the soil almost but not altogether dry out. Toward spring renew the growth by increasing the supply of water. Shift into a larger pot when the roots begin to crowd. These few hints, if heeded, should result in the successful management of the Calla in question, and bring a favorable report the next time the enquirer writes.

Stunted Hyacinths.—To get the best results from Hyacinth bulbs buy and pot them early in the season, keeping them in a dark, warm place till well rooted. When brought to the light keep the room moderately warm, and the atmosphere moist. When but partially rooted and placed in a dry, hot window the bulbs often become stunted, and do not develop their spikes and flowers satisfactorily.

Red Spider.—Where it is impracticable to avoid red spider by syringing the leaves should be sponged off frequently with soap suds. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

COBCEA SCANDENS.

THIS is a beautiful, rapid-growing vine from Mexico. The seeds are borne in pods, and are flat and winged. They start readily when planted edgewise and not too freely watered. If planted otherwise and then watered freely they are liable to rot. Repot the young plants as they grow, and if you wish to retard growth cut them back. At transplanting time plant out in rich soil in a warm, sunny place. The south side of a house just suits the plants. Furnish strings for support as soon as transplanting is done. Very soon the growth will be vigorous, and the long-stemmed, graceful, drooping purple bells will appear. The plants climb by means of tendrils which issue from the tip of the leaf, and it is not uncommon for vines to reach a height of thirty to forty feet during the season, blooming freely and continuously till frost. In foliage, flower and general appearance the plant always commands attention, and should have a place in every collection where a strong-growing and beautiful vine is desired.

Kentia Belmoreana.—This Palm requires a porous soil with good drainage, regular supplies of water and plenty of root room. Avoid too much direct sunlight. Protect the sides of the pot from sun and air, which promotes rapid evaporation out doors during summer. Insufficient drainage, a sparing supply of water, exposure of the pot to sun and air during the dry summer months, or exposure to extreme and sudden changes of temperature will cause the leaves to turn yellow and die almost as soon as formed.

Umbrella Plant.—The Umbrella Plant, *Cyperus alternifolius*, is a sedge, and grows naturally in a tenacious, boggy soil. It should be liberally watered during its growing period, but when the leaves begin to turn yellow and die partially dry it off and let it remain for a season in a semi-dormant state. Then cut the old leaves all off, shift into a larger pot if necessary, renew the water supply, and encourage growth. In a little while the plant will be a mass of vigorous stems and graceful leaves.

Resetting Sweet Violets.—A good time to re-set Violets is in early spring. The plants start before warm weather comes, and get well established by autumn. Some persons re-set them in early autumn, however, and prefer that season for doing the work. The success of autumn transplanting depends largely upon whether the season is dry or not. If dry it is likely to prove a failure.

ASTERS BLIGHTING.

FROM Colorado come complaints of Asters blighting when the buds are developing. Such blighting may be due to different causes. It may be true blight, caused by a fungus. In such cases sulphur and lime dusted over the plants through a coarse sack may be beneficial, all desecated leaves being removed. The trouble may be due to the work of aphides at the roots. For this hot tobacco tea may be used, but is not always effectual. The only sure remedy is to lift affected plants, wash the roots and dip them in tobacco tea. It might be well to try the early flowering Asters. These may bloom before the plants become affected.

Blue African Lily.—The Agapanthus umbellatus is called Blue African Lily. It blooms in summer, bearing a large cluster of lovely blue flowers at the summit of a strong scape. It likes a rich, tenacious soil, plenty of moisture and partial shade. Repot as soon as the plant requires more root-room, otherwise it will burst the pot in which it is growing. The north or east side of the house, where it gets the morning sun suits it, and if the pot is placed in a saucer kept well supplied with water the growth is all the more vigorous. Plants are easily raised from seeds, and mostly bloom three years from the time the seeds are sown.

Pennyroyal Geranium.—A subscriber enquires about a scented-leaved Geranium, describing it as follows: "The leaves are of good size, thick, soft and velvety, covered with a fine, soft pile, as though cut from real velvet. In shape they resemble the Oak leaf, and the fragrance is exactly like that of the Pennyroyal herb found growing wild in the old fields and pastures of New England." The species is *Pelargonium tomentosum*. It is offered as a premium with the MAGAZINE in the spring.

Iris and Lilies.—The Japanese Iris and Japanese Lilies will mostly grow and bloom in a partial shade, but it is better to grow in moist soil, well mulched, and allow the sun free access to them. The Iris like a moist, boggy soil, and with this requirement they revel in sunshine. The Lilies enjoy the hot sunshine if their roots are kept cool, which may be done by deep planting and liberal mulching.

Spotted Calla.—This is a summer-blooming plant. The tubers should be potted or bedded out in a moist, partial shade in summer, and kept dry through the winter.

THE VARIEGATED LAVATERA.

MANY persons have raised plants of the variegated-leaved *Lavatera arborea* from mixed seeds, and are interested in its name and culture. One encloses a leaf and writes:

Mr. Park:—I enclose a leaf of a plant raised from mixed seeds. The plant grew so fast we were surprised it did not bloom, and I put it in a box to keep through the winter. The foliage is lovely, just like velvet, and is green with golden blotches. The plant is in the form of a tree, four feet high, and the leaves are about the size of a tea-plate, and almost the shape of a Geranium leaf. What is it? Does it bloom?—Mrs. G. W., O., Jan. 20th.

The plant belongs to the Mallow family, and the flowers are small and inconspicuous, but the large, velvety, variegated



leaves with which the branches are densely clothed give it a decorative value, and it is desirable as a specimen plant either in a large pot or bedded out. The plants start readily from seeds, and the variegation brightens with age. At the South it is hardy, and may be treated as *Crape Myrtle* and other shrubs, but at the North it requires winter protection. A leaf is shown in the accompanying engraving.

Disease of Candidum Lily.—For several years the *Candidum* Lilies sold by many dealers have been troubled with a blight which destroys the stalks just when the buds are ready to develop. It is first noticed upon the foliage which appears scalded or withered in spots, and soon the entire mass of foliage turns black and dies, and the nude flower stalks with the stunted buds only remain, unsightly and disappointing. There is no reliable remedy for this disease. The only safe way is to get sound bulbs and thus avoid the disease. As yet the *Takesima* Lily in Holland has not been affected, and this might be used in places where the old-fashioned white Lily has been grown. It is more dwarf, but quite as hardy, and its flowers are quite as handsome.

A HANDY HOSE.

FOR watering flowers, lawns and shrubbery I like a hose, for I'm not partial to carrying water by hand. One can take heavy ducking and cut in two twice, making three lengths of hose, then each strip must be sewed up the side by bringing the edges together and doubling once over and with a sewing machine sew through the four thicknesses twice. This makes a hose two and one-half inches diameter and it will stand from six to eight feet of pressure. To make it water-proof use for ninety feet of hose five gallons of boiled linseed oil, with a half a gallon of pine tar melted together. Put your hose lengths in a tub or barrel and turn on the oil heated to about 160° and saturate the cloth well with the mixture, then with the clothes wringer screwed down rather tight, run the hose through once and then hang over the clothes line to dry. To keep the sides from sticking together tie one end tightly and blow in the other one through an alder sprout until it is partly filled with air, then tie that end below the sprout; it will be ready for use in a few days and last for five or six years. To join the ends of the different lengths use a tin tube about a foot long and two and one-half inches in diameter. This is kept fastened to one end of each length, and when you want to use more than one length draw the open end of the other piece over the joint till it meets first piece, then tie securely. Your hose can be connected to the tank in the ordinary way, or by means of a hollow hard wood stick placed in the tank about two and one-half inches from the bottom and attached to one end of the hose, and you are ready for business. If you want a fine spray have several watering pot nozzles soldered together and then tie the hose to them. Geneva March.

Bremer Co., Iowa.

Erythronium.—This beautiful wildling is becoming a very popular plant for the mixed border, where it produces very satisfactory results when grown in a shady situation, and a deep, moderately enriched, light, loamy soil, and properly supplied with water during seasons of drought.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y.

Trailing Arbutus.—This is sometimes known as Ground Laurel. It is one of the most beautiful native plants, with cordate, ovate leaves and pink flowers. It is usually found on hillsides with northern exposure. The flowers are very fragrant. The plant is not easily cultivated away from its native soil. E. F. C.

Andover, N. Y.

SOME RULES.

HERE are rules which if every one would follow it would be better for the buyers as well as the sellers:

Choose what will grow well with you, unless you have a full pocket-book and can afford to try others that you have to be so careful with. A great many disappointments arise from buying what you don't know anything about.

Keep a dated duplicate of your order. In case your order is not filled in due time you can at once turn to your copy and send in a duplicate and tell them of the loss. Half the time people forget what they ordered or the time of sending. You can't expect the seedsmen to guess when you have ordered or just what you ordered unless you have the date and duplicate of your order.

Lacrosse, Wash.

Mrs. J. M.

For a Shady Corner.—There is in one corner of my yard a pretty nook which only receives the sunshine for about three hours, and that in the early morning. Last spring I contrived a pretty adornment for this shady corner. I had a table made three feet high, two and a half feet long and two feet wide. On this I set a box which just fit the top, and was six inches deep. This I filled with equal parts of good garden soil and leaf mold. I got a Fern root that was just beginning to show its fronds, and set it in the center of the box. Round it I set a row of purple, golden hearted Pansies, and around the edge a row of large-leaved Ivy. All these plants delight in shade, rich soil and plenty of water, and having all these they just tried themselves. The Ivy trailed down over the sides of the box and table, the Ferns shook out their crumpled leaves and stretched themselves, and the Pansies bloomed and bloomed. Ina King.

Christian Co., Ky.

Black Calla.—It seems to me someone is making a mistake in directing the Black Calla to be potted in spring for summer blooming. Our plants grow only in winter, and die down in spring, and lie dormant till fall again. I have three fine plants that are now from two to four inches high and growing like weeds. My neighbor planted hers in the same pot with an Amaryllis, and the top died in spring, and the bulb lay there beside the growing Amaryllis all summer. However, there are several plants sold as Black Calla, and some of them may be summer plants.

Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 18, 1898.

[NOTE.—*Arum Italicum* is often sold as Black Calla. It is winter-blooming if potted in the fall.—Ed.]

THE LOST FLOWER.

[Mr. Park:—Years ago I found a flower, having somewhat the shape and texture of a Hyacinth. It came so early in spring, that the ice hung in crystal pendants from the semi-circular mound, nearly enclosing the place where the flower grew. The fragrance was delightful. Never before nor since, have I seen it. Description fails to identify it with any flower known to my acquaintances—hence the title—"Lost Flower."—F. P. T.]

The distant woods far reaching spread,
And arching boughs met over-head,
While turning here, and there, for miles,
In graceful lines curve forest aisles.

It seemed a druid fane, that stood,
Immune, unchanged, by fire, or flood,
Where echoes sleep of Runic rhymes,
And Celtic chants, of ancient times.

A breath of perfume hovers near,
Do ghostly priests burn incense here?
The trend of yonder rippling brook,
Leads to a fragrant, mossy nook,

Where velvet petals, star points show,
Against the sward like drifts of snow,
Fair acolytes whose censers swing,
Attendants of their priestess—spring,

Are there haunted vales where fairies sow
The "Lost Flower" once, then bid it go,
From Sylvan dells, and bloom no more,
Only on memory's far off shore.

Fannie P. Tucker.

Oregon Co., Mo., Jan. 16, 1899.

HYACINTHS.

The winds of winter fierce may blow,
The road be full of drifted snow,
But close against the window-pane

A bit of blue like summer sky
Doth laugh at snowflakes floating by.

The pale soft pink of ocean shells,
Unfolds in scape of waken bells,

Though sleet may fall or chilling rain
These blithsome faces do not hide
But faithful bloom in winter-tide.

And every hue of summer rose
From white to red its beauty shows,

And blue of sky and blue of main
In all their shades both soft and deep
For winter days the Hyacinths keep.

Elta Kent.

New London Co., Conn., Jan. 22, 1899.

LILIES OF THE VALLEY.

Modest Lilies of the Valley

In mem'ry I can see,
Nestling close against your broad leaves,
Peeping shyly out at me.

How I love your pretty blossoms
With perfume so rare and sweet;
Now you're sleeping, sweetly sleeping,
'Neath the snow and icy sleet.

And methinks some dainty fairy,
Surely in your valley dwells,
And she makes her magic music,
Upon those enchanting bells.

Lizzie Mowen.

Allen Co., O., Jan. 18, 1899.

BLOSSOMING YEARS.

If only once in a century earth's lovely flowers
should bloom,

That brighten now our pathway with their beauty
and perfume,

How many would ne'er behold them, save when
in dreaming hours

They sought the shining blossoms beyond the
snow-clad bowers.

If only once in a hundred years stars of the green
old earth,

Could rise to give us tidings of their rare and fragrant birth,

How weary waiting ones would sigh for greetings long delayed

Watching the slowly ebbing tides of sunshine,
dew and shade.

And as the time drew near, with strangely quickening powers

To call again from the warm earth's breast the cherished sleeping flowers,

How eager every human heart would hail the spring of bloom,

When Primrose stars in the shadowy grass would yield this rich perfume.

Oh! countless gems that bloom unseen; oh! Lilies of nameless light,

Oh! fragrant and queenly Roses, prized stars of the summer night,

Symbol of life immortal, you vanish our doubts and fears

With your garnered wealth of sun and dew, sweet harvest of passing years.

Marion Helen Bassette.

Jefferson Co., N. Y., Jan. 42, 1899.

EASTER DAY.

One long remembered Easter Day

A Lily bloomed for me,
A little child with eyes of blue
And ringlets fair to see,

A little child whose heart was mine
My human flower from fields Divine.

One ne'er forgotten Easter Day.

An angel earthward came,
He passed a thousand gardens by,
He called my blossom's name,
She loosed my hand to clasp his own
And I was left uncheered, alone.

Again has come the Easter Day

Commencing sun and gloom
The memory of a cherub face,
The memory of a tomb,
But on the breast of boundless love
My risen Lily blooms above.

Bradford Co., Pa.,

Lalia Mitchell.

FAIR FRAGRANT ROSE.

Fair fragrant Rose within my window springing
I view your wondrous grace,

Till now I deem the birds are blithely singing
Their music fills the place;

I hear the brook go dancing to the river,
As in the golden June,

And graceful willows swing and bend and quiver,
Set to the merry tune

That from your golden heart now overflowing
Drives winter thus away,

Fair fragrant Rose, outside cold winds are blowing
Here summer holds her sway.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Ruth Raymond.

LIBONIA.

M^R. PARK:—I enclose a blooming spray of a plant [*Libonia floribunda*] I have in bloom now. It is hard wooded, jointed and almost hardy, having stood several freezes this winter without seeming to hurt it in the least. The flowers are borne in terminal clusters



*Libonia
floribunda*

or sprays, and are very pretty indeed in color. They are red shading to pale yellow at the tips. I have had the plant for three years, and find it very accommodating, standing any amount of neglect or over-attention.

Mrs. H. L. Bingham.

Giles Co., Va., Jan. 19, 1899.

Amaryllis Johnsonii.—I had an *Amaryllis Johnsonii* that bloomed last summer, which had been treated like a *Gladiolus*—planted in the open ground in summer and taken up and kept in the dry during winter. The bulbs are of easy culture and the plants very showy. They bloom better when grown in pots not too large, so the roots may become somewhat pot-bound. They must have a season of rest during winter, as they bloom in the spring and summer. When resting give very little water, just enough to keep the roots from drying out entirely.

W. C. Mollett.

Wayne Co., W. Va., Dec. 31, 1898.

Heliotrope.—The *Heliotropes* are fine out door plants, as they love the sun and grow and bloom freely. Their fragrance is delicious, and a few of the clusters in a bouquet are almost indispensable in summer. All they need is good soil, good drainage and moist earth.

Lacrosse, Wash.

Mrs. J. M.

CHINESE LANTERN PLANT.

M^R. EDITOR:—Having seen a number of inquiries about Chinese Lantern Plant I thought I would speak a good word for it. If you want a plant that will always stay with you, that will fill your garden and your farm with its beautiful scarlet lanterns—a plant that you can always exchange with, and never have to say, write first, this is the plant to get.

I had some seed sent me as a premium, from which I raised about a dozen plants. They were set in a round bed that was cut in the turf. They grew and made a few lanterns, but the turnip flea ate the foliage full of holes, so it was not very ornamental. When winter came the plants did not get any protection, and in the spring I found they were badly thrown up by the frost. Killed? Bless you, No! The ground was soft and I took hold of a top and pulled and got yards of roots that extended out from the plant in all directions. The roots are about the size of a lead pencil, and every inch or two there is a bud that sends up a new plant. I took the potato fork and spaded the bed over four times, and took out a heaping bushel of roots. I put them into a box, and they threw up plants and grew all summer without soil, or water, except such as they got from showers, and they were in the hot sun, too. All summer, every inch that was left in the bed would sprout up and grow. So, ye busy housewives, if you want something that is no trouble to grow, get a Chinese Lantern Plant.

A. E. M.

Huron Co., O., Dec. 22, 1898.

The Bread Fruit Tree.—The Bread-fruit Tree is a native of the South Sea Islands, where its fruit is of as much value as cereals are in more temperate regions. It is now to be found cultivated in all tropical countries. The tree, which has large glossy leaves and white flowers, attains to a moderate height; the fruit is globular in shape, being about the size of a melon. There are many varieties of this useful tree in cultivation, and as their different fruits do not ripen at the same time, an early, constant supply is afforded to the people who depend upon it as their chief source of subsistence. The fruit is gathered just before it ripens, when it is found to be full of a starchy matter, which is its principle value as an article of diet. It may be cooked in various ways. A very common practice is to bake it whole in hot ashes and scoop out the interior, which is of a soft consistency. It is also cut in thin slices and dried in the sun, and then ground into flour. A kind of cloth is made from the fibrous inner bark of the stem. Glue is also obtained from this tree, while the wood is very serviceable.

L. L.

Holt Co., Mo., Jun. 8, 1899.

ST. BRIGID OR POPPY ANEMONES.

NOTHING could be more glorious than a bed of these new Irish Poppies when in flower. One might well compare it to a kaleidoscope picture, glistening with and reflecting thousands of bright colors; or to some bright oriental carpet whereon the artist has exercised his ingenuity to blend pleasing and effective colors. Indeed, the flowers produced by this new strain show all the colors of the rainbow and many more; for even black and white are found among them, as well as shades of pink, rose, crimson, fiery scarlet, carmine, maroon, tints of lilac, lavender, blue, purple, even green. Many flowers are curiously mottled, striped, edged, ringed and shaded with the various tints described above, the effect produced being almost bewildering. They are also frequently of very large size, even five to six

bloomed during the entire winter. Of course they are perfectly hardy and can be quickly multiplied by dividing the roots. They are fine things that I don't hesitate to recommend, even to those for whom flowers "won't grow." A. Blanc.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9, 1899.

The Dahlia Pest.—For miles around our Dahlias have been infested with a minute green insect that cuts the buds off close up under the calyx, leaving the denuded stems sticking up mockingly all over the plants. Not a blossom will be seen in all this neighborhood. This pest has been noted in previous years, but the damage was so slight as to excite little comment. Now we are very anxious to learn if the trouble is widespread or only local. Also how to fight it, and the opinion of experts as to the likelihood of its continuance in coming years. The pest also attacks the Canna and other plants, and will be



GROUP OF THE NEW LARGE-FLOWERED ANEMONE CORONARIA—ST. BRIGID.

inches across; some single, but most double, with plain, scalloped or fringed edges.

Planted early in the garden in rich soil, they will bloom profusely, and frequently until well after frosts have cut down other tender plants; and, being perfectly hardy, they will bloom again the next season in greater profusion than ever. For cutting they are unsurpassed, as the flowers and the beautiful fern-like foliage remain fresh in water for a week or more. The plants can be lifted in the autumn and bloomed in the house for Easter decoration, and florists have paid higher prices for them than for Carnations, as they are something decidedly new. In fact some of our foremost Philadelphia florists mistook them for giant Poppies. If early blooming is desired the tubers can be planted in the house now, and kept well watered until ready to set out in the garden. But I have planted the dry roots as late as June and have had them in bloom in September, and well into December. Some roots were lifted and

very apt to find a fair field on the Chrysanthemums unless their season of activity is over before they bud. We hope that floriculturists will turn their attention to the matter at once. Cynthia Doering.

Luverne Co., Pa., Jan. 9, 1899.

[NOTE.—Any persons who have had experience with the pest referred to above are requested to report. As yet we do not know it in Southern Pennsylvania.—Ed.]

Wax Vine.—I have a Wax Vine (*Hoya carnosa*) that is three years old and three feet in length. It was propagated from a leaf—the stem end just stuck in the soil to the depth of half an inch. It continues growing all the time, and seems to be starting new leaves. It has never bloomed as yet, but I am watching it closely, hoping for buds. I have it in a compost of good rich soil and sand in equal proportions. It was started in a tomato can, and this week I have slipped it into a five-inch pot.

Mrs. Helen T. Fisher.

Meade Co., Ky., Jan. 21, 1899.

RESURGAM.

Deep in the wood an oak once stood
Above a Violet blue,
A jewel set where winds blew wet,
And flowers still were few.

It gave no thought to battles fought
With cruel wind and rain,
Until at last its sweet life past
Had wove a glad sweet strain.

Day after day none trod that way
To note its quaint designs,
God only knew it thrived and grew
Among the tangled vines.

Safe hid away till the last day—
As God some sweet souls hide—
Till life complete, we gladly greet
All who in Him abide.

Annie Bodey.

Champaign Co., O., Dec. 2, 1898.

TIN CANS.

HERE seems to be quite a difference of opinion in regard to using tin cans for plants. I feel that I cannot let the subject pass without saying a word in their favor. I have thoroughly tested them, for I have used them for several years in preference to flower pots, and have much better success than I had when I used flower pots altogether. I like them because they keep a more even moisture and do not dry out so quickly, because they are easy to handle, and because of the rust, which acts as a tonic to many plants, giving them that fresh bright green they obtain when iron dust is stirred into the soil. I like them especially for Phyllocacti, Epiphyllum and many other plants of this class, and have at present about 400 cans filled with these plants. I have several Phyllocacti each planted in a five gallon oil can, and their growth as well as their blooms give greatest satisfaction.

Of course tin cans would look very unsightly if left unpainted, and with their labels on, in all the gay colors, red, yellow and green, but a little paint will work wonders. I paint mine in the darkest shade of green, and I think they look quite neat and nice. I never throw a can away because it is old and rusty; a little paint will cover the outside, and for the inside the more rust the better.

The secret in using tin cans is to have a good drainage. I make several holes in the bottom of the cans and then put in a little handful of chips before I fill with earth. One must be careful about watering, for if they are kept too wet the soil will sour or the plant will rot, but when once used to them they are much less trouble than pots. I have not entirely discarded flower pots. I use them mostly for Begonias, though I have some in cans, and they are doing as well as the others. I use small pots for Mammillarias and Echinocereus, for they

need so very little moisture that I think perhaps the pots may be better, but for general use give me the tin cans

Los Angeles Co., Cal. Mrs. M. E. P.

[NOTE.—It is true that tin cans or tin vessels are, in general, better adapted for the successful growth and bloom of window plants than pots or earthen vessels. Anyone who doubts this statement can readily determine its truth by practical experiment. Many persons who fail even with Chinese Primroses in earthen pots find that by the use of tin receptacles they meet with wonderful success. The above notes upon the use of tin cans will therefore bear a second reading by those who find it difficult to manage their pot-plants satisfactorily in the window garden.—Ed.]

The Marsh Marigold.—The brilliant blossoms of the Marsh Marigold, or *Caltha palustris*, are abundant in the month of May, enlivening the moist meadows and the water's edge.



It is one of the handsomest of our wild flowers. The stem is thick and hollow, growing about a foot high. The leaves are large, heart shaped, and of a shining green. The blossoms in reality consist of the calyx, or outer covering, usually green, but is of a bright yellow.

Caltha is specially termed the flower of May, because it is used in garlands and wreaths for the Queen of May. The French call it the "Water Marigold," and the Italians give it the poetical name of "Bride of the Sun."

Holt Co., Mo.

L. L.

Verbenas.—I always admired Verbenas, but at a distance. For some reason or other I could not succeed with them. But last year my bed was a beauty. It was four feet by ten, and I never saw so many different shades before. They began to bloom early, and kept it up long after everything else in the flower garden had succumbed to Jack Frost. I picked just bushels, but they are not very satisfactory as cut flowers, they fade so soon. As a show flower in the garden, however, they are unsurpassed.

Mrs. E. B. M.

Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 30, 1898.

Chinese Lantern Plant.—I have raised the Chinese Lantern Plant. The fruit of mine was like the Ground Cherry, only red and more acid. It is pleasant to the taste, and would no doubt make a fine preserve or jelly.

Z. J. F.

Stockton, Cal., Nov. 21, 1898.

THE CRICKET.

There's a cricket in the corner of the mossy garden gate,
And he chirrs his cheerful twitter when the eve is growing late;
I should miss his cheerful melody if it should chance to cease—
It speaks to me of firesides and daily lives of peace.
Chirp away, you little cricket, in the falling night and dew.
For tho' God loves the nightingale, he loves the cricket, too.

Bessie Johnson-Bellman.

Elk Co., Kan., Dec. 24, 1898.

THE MIXED BORDER.

SHRUBS are far better planted in a row, and should not be too close together. The intermediate space can be filled up with the hardy border plants, the low growing ones in front, taller ones back of them, and very tall ones between or around the shrubs. There are many shrubs that are easily grown. Among the neglected but hardy and lovely shrubs are *Weigela floribunda*, a perfect bouquet of itself; and growing as large as a Lilac, *Exochorda grandiflora*, a lovely white and early bloomer; *Althea* in various colors, both single and double, the flowers in shape like a *Hollyhock*, and blooms late in the season; *Deutzia*, lovely, low and early; *Hypericum*, literally covered with its yellow blossoms, late as possible, of low growth; *Forsythia*, a lovely color in foliage, tall and early. These are all sure to bloom, and require only to be given good location and soil and let alone.

For tall herbaceous plants to grow between the shrubs use *Hollyhocks* in all colors, blooming in middle summer, and the tall hardy *Phloxes*, in various colors. Next in height, and blooming late in the fall, white hardy *Gladiolus* with their sword-like spikes of bloom could be interspersed. *Columbines* of lower growth and early bloom could be planted nearer the front, while in the front of the border can be planted *Anemone*, *Arabis alpina*, white, *Callirhoe*, red, *Alyssum saxatile*, *Phlox*, hardy *Carnation* and *Pinks*, *Coreopsis*, *Sunflowers*, *Gentians*, etc.

In fact, the hardy border should be a place in which should be deposited a certain sum of money in the shape of plants and shrubs each year, buying in the interest of pleasure and health, while making home more attractive and pleasant.

Fillmore Co., Minn. Kate Little.

Native Everlastings.—Plenty of white everlasting flowers grow in our pasture. When in their prime I gathered a quantity and dyed them different colors. Christmas they were festooned in the evergreen that trimmed the church.

Grafton, Mass., Dec. 29, 1898. E. B.

POPPIES.

THESE well may be called "The People's flower." They are cheap, will grow without petting, and are hardy enough to stand being planted in late fall. They are such gay looking things, reminding one of pretty girls dressed for a ball, and how they attract the bees. Their continuous humming is like the orchestra for the flowers dancing in the breeze. The seeds fly all over the garden and spring up by the thousands in the spring. They don't like to be transplanted, so if there is a clump, pull up to thin out. Don't let the Poppies stay in the Rose bed. We must respect the Royalty of the Queen o' summer, and keep common things away. But if a scarlet Poppy comes up in the green herb bed let it stay. The beautiful green and the gay colors show off each other. A beautiful variety is *Eschscholtzia*. The leaves are finely cut, and very pretty, and California has a beautiful golden yellow. It is the State flower, after its name. Pretty dolls can be made out of poppies to please the little girls. Turn down the petals to form a dress, and tie around the waist with a bit of striped grass. The funny seed vessel will form the head. As there is such a variety in colors, the children can have dolls dressed in gay attire, in every shade.

Detroit, Mich.

Anna Lyman.

[NOTE.—Among Poppy-worts we have, well-known, *Sanguinaria* or Blood-root; *Chelidonium* or *Celandine Poppy*; *Glaucium* or *Horned Poppy*; *Meconopsis* or *Yellow Poppy*; *Argemone* or *Prickly Poppy*; *Bocconia* or *Plumed Poppy*; *Eschscholtzia* or *California Poppy*; and *Papaver*, embracing *Opium*, *Paeony-flowered*, *Corn*, *Japanese* and *Oriental Poppies*. But the editor would like to say here, and with emphasis, that the improved Oriental varieties are the most showy and easily cared for of all Poppies. The flowers are of immense size, exceedingly brilliant, and of many shades of color from white to deep crimson. The plants are hardy, easily raised from seeds, and when once started will bloom for many years.—Ed.]

***Dicentra spectabilis alba*.**—This is not a very robust growing plant, so in order to grow it well, the plants should be given a very deep, well-enriched soil, and a shady situation. It usually grows about a foot in height, and blooms during the months of May and June.

Floral Park, N. Y.

C. E. Parnell.



WHITE VIOLETS.

ONE day toward the last of May two years ago, while walking down by the creek, I caught a delicate odor, very faint, yet so sweet it set me searching for the source of it. I found it presently—three clumps of white Violets in full bloom. The flowers were small, the foliage deep ribbed and yellowish green in color, quite different from the blue and purple Violets growing all about them. I took them up and brought them home, for they were the first white Violets I had ever seen blooming wild, and though the flowers were very small their perfume was very pleasant. I made a large crescent-shaped bed in the shade of an Althea bush, divided the roots, and scattered them about in the bed. I removed all flower buds and made the bed soaking wet, and watered them well all summer. Last spring they came up quite thickly through the leaf mold with which I covered them in the fall, and, to my delight, the flowers were much larger than before, while retaining their oddity of foliage and delicacy of perfume. The bed was well shaded, and bloomed profusely through May and June and into July. Ina King.

Christian Co., Ky.

[NOTE.—*Viola blanda* is a lovely white Violet found in meadows and along streams in Pennsylvania and northward. The flowers are large and so freely produced that the plants become a mass of white. The plants grow well in any slightly shaded, moist place in the garden, and make a showy edging or border. It is a fragrant Violet well worth cultivating.—Ed.]

The Cow Tree.—Nature has few more remarkable sights for the traveller than that of a tree yielding an ample supply of milk superior to that drawn from the cow. It is in Venezuela that this remarkable tree may be found. There amidst the forests it grows to a height of from 45 to 60 feet. Every morning the Indians go out with vessels, make deep cuts in the bark, and collect the white creamy fluid which runs from the wound. An examination of this milk shows that it has the same composition as that of the cow in richer form. Men and women feed largely upon this vegetable milk, grow fat, and children drink it eagerly. L. L.

Holt Co., Mo.,

Opuntia senilis.—The name of the Cactus Mrs. B. enquires about is *Opuntia senilis*, and it should bloom this year. All *Opuntias* are natives of America, and bear rather sparingly mostly yellow flowers and edible fruit. All like warmth and a sandy soil. There are about 150 species, of which about 100 are in cultivation.

Robt. S. Jarvis.

Kent Co., Can., Jan. 11, 1899

ABUTILON OR FLOWERING MAPLE.

WHAT has become of the Flowering Maple of our childhood? As I recollect it, it had bright, smooth leaves, so smooth they shone, and tiny pink or white bells. It stood, a giant among Abutilons, in my aunt's bedroom window, a perfect tree in shape, its topmost branches touching the ceiling, and every bough laden with pink bells, while every leaf was a perfect hardy maple-leaf in miniature.

My beautiful *Souv. de Bonn* resembles this Abutilon of my recollection far more than the plain-leaved varieties, whose giant leaves are distinctly woolly, and not nearly so beautiful either in shape, color, or veining as those I recall.

When *Grandiflora* stopped, to catch its breath as it were, I cut it back severely, although there were many small buds in sight. I was compelled to prune it because of its ugly shape, but the new branches already show buds. This plant bears immense leaves and very large bells of bright yellow.

My *Souv. de Bonn* is three feet high, and has three bells whose color is best described as orange veined with red. It has innumerable buds, and every leaf is as beautiful as a flower.

All praise to the Abutilon; call it Chinese Bell-flower, House Maple, or what you will, I know of no plant that will try so hard to bloom all the year around.

Cynthia Doering.

Luzerne Co., Pa., Jan. 9, 1899.

[NOTE.—The Abutilon is not too highly praised as a winter-blooming window plant. Perhaps the most graceful and beautiful species for house culture in winter, however, is *Abutilon mesopotamicum*. In habit the plant is slender, and needs support, but it will produce a lovely, drooping flower at the axil of every leaf, the large inflated-like calyx of which is bright vermillion, the petals bright yellow, and the long, showy pistil chocolate. A south window in a warm room suits it, the atmosphere being moistened by steam or water evaporation. Well-grown plants of this older species will bloom abundantly throughout the entire winter.—Ed.]

Spireas.—The hardy herbaceous or perennial species of this extensive genus, can be readily increased by a careful division of the older plants, and the operation is best performed as early in the spring as possible, so as to enable the plants to become well established before hot, dry weather sets in. If the ensuing summer proves to be a very dry one, it will be advisable to give the plants occasional copious supplies of water. They will well repay any amount of care and attention that may be bestowed upon them.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1899.

THE PANSIES' COVERLET.

[Mr. Park:—Here is an impression left by a large cob-web, over my Scarlet Pansies. The filmy lace was covered by dew-drops and these by reflection assumed various tints, suggesting the gems mentioned. So, too, the dew-drops were disposed in designs of wreath, crescent, etc. At sun-rise the effect was very beautiful, and the Pansies were like rubies veiled by lace—truly.—F. P. T.]

Over the scarlet Pansies' bed
A royal covering night had spread.
The gauzy threads that Arachne spun
Were tinted like clouds, near the setting sun.
And the dream-land elves, with their dainty schemes

A lace loom built, from the splintered beams,
And the silvery bars, that moon-light keeps
For the fays who toll, while the great world sleeps.

The warp, and the woof, with its airy grace
Was woven in meshes of filmy lace,
And the gossamer web with a satin sheen
Had its weightings of gold, and of emerald green,
And the dew dropped pearls from her crystal jar
Tracing crescent and wreath, and shining star,
As the Moss Rose, veiling her lovely grace,
As the ruby's glow, through billows of lace,
Where the circling dew-gems left a space
Was a scarlet Pansies' winsome face.

Fannie P. Tucker.

Oregon Co., Mo., Nov. 25, 1898.

THE BANANA.

LAST spring I sent for three seeds of Banana. One I gave to a friend, another one rotted, and the other one, after so long a time, grew, and such a pleasure it has been to us and such a wonder and curiosity to people passing. I first filled an old bucket about two-thirds full of the richest dirt I could get, then filled it to the top with ordinary garden soil, then I made a hole in the center of that, filled it with pure sand, in which I placed the seed in such a manner that it was entirely surrounded with the sand. It was then well watered and set away. It was a long time starting, but finally it began to grow, and seemed trying to make up for lost time. It soon out-grew its quarters, and we then changed it into a box that would probably hold a bushel of dirt, prepared as was the first. It was given water every day until it ran through the box, and it sat on a block in the yard where the sun shone on it all day. Some time in August I noticed that the roots had penetrated the holes made in the box for draining, and had reached the ground. At first I did not know what to do, but after mature deliberation and council with the "guid mon" we decided to put it in the ground. I have read somewhere that a water bucket would hold the roots of a bearing Banana, but I have never yet seen a bucket that would begin to hold half the roots of this one. The plant, box and all, was a very good lift for two men. We selected a spot near a chimney that stands at the south end of the house, and after

digging a hole two feet deep and a little larger than the box we took off the entire bottom of the box and let the plant down into the hole, pulling the frame of the box up about half way out of the ground as we did so. We then filled it up with rich dirt, and continued to water it as usual. We could almost see it grow. It took just five days for a leaf to unfold. I did not count nor measure the leaves, but they were magnificent. At the coming of frost we took a couple of old fashioned bee gums, nearly three feet long and twelve inches wide, knocked the top off of them, took the cross pieces out, and after cutting the leaves off the Banana we turned the gums over it, and filled them up with dry dirt, then we carefully wrapped the top in several thicknesses of newspaper, turned another gum over that, but left the head on this one to keep the rain off. In extra cold weather I wrapped an old comforter around that. A few days since, as it was warm and sunshiny, I took the top covering off and left it off all day. At night, when I went to replace it I found that the Banana had grown nearly an inch. Now, I believe that I can carry it through the winter, and if I do I stand some chance to see it bloom and fruit.

Mrs. Fannie Smith.

Hopkins Co., Tex., Jan. 6, 1899.

[NOTE.—Musa ensete, an ornamental species of Banana, is one of the most showy and decorative of tropical plants, and is readily grown from seeds. Started early the plants will make a fine growth the first season. Water sparingly in winter and keep in a rather warm, retired place, and in spring plant in a half barrel of very rich compost, made up of half-rotted sods, sand, well-rotted manure, leaf-mould or chip dirt. Give a sheltered place out-doors, where the wind will not tear the leaves, and water thoroughly every day. The growth will surprise you, and the plant will become the attraction of the place, challenging and receiving praise from all who see it.—Ed.]

Wild Convolvulus.—This is the great Bindweed, and may be found as late as November, adorning the leafless hedges with wreaths of fresh green foliage and pure white blossoms. Unlike most flowers it does not close in the evening, and the large vase-shaped bells may be seen by moonlight filled with the dew of night. Notwithstanding its beauty Wild Convolvulus is a most destructive weed in the garden, not only exhausting the soil with its white, jointed roots, which it is almost impossible to get rid of, but strangling all other plants within reach. It is called by botanists Hooded Bindweed, or Calystegia, which means beautiful covering, on account of two large colored sheaths which encase the bud, until it suddenly bursts from its leafy screen into a full-blown flower.

L. L.

Holt Co., Mo., Jan. 9, 1899.

EXPERIENCE WITH GLOXINIAS.

IN the January number, one or two write about the planting of Gloxinia bulbs. I have raised Gloxinias for five years. Last year I had nine plants of Gloxinias. I have one bulb five years old, which has twenty-five to thirty blossoms a season. Therefore I think I can give the readers some advice.

After my plants are through blooming and the foliage is well matured, I cut the leaves and the stock of the plants close to the ground, and set the pots in a closet, moistening the soil with warm water every Sunday morning. By the first of February the bulbs begin to sprout. I take the bulb out of the pot, and soak the pot in water for ten minutes, then put a good layer of cinders in the bottom



GLOXINIAS.

of the pot, cover with moss, and fill up the pot with good, rich but light soil.

Trim off the old roots from the bulb and place it in the center of the pot, covering the bulb entirely with the soil, only leaving the little sprout just peeping out of the earth. Place the pot back again in the closet until the sprout is growing nicely, watering the soil twice a week. When they can be taken from the closet, place in a window where they will have the morning sun, but be sure to shade them with a paper during the middle of the day. Once a week stir the soil deeply and carefully so as not to injure the bulb, and water with plant food.

By the first of June the plants are removed to a north window. The blinds are kept open and the window is raised upon an inch slat. By doing this the plants are supplied with air and no draught can blow directly upon them. I always keep water in the saucers of the pots all the time, for the plants need moisture, and I never put any water in the top of the pot unless the soil looks dry, then I turn a little water close to the pot each side of the bulb; never put water directly upon any bulb.

As soon as the corolla is fully opened I cut the stem close to the plant and place in water, for Gloxinia blossoms will keep perfect in water two weeks. R. W. T.

Providence Co., R. I., Jan. 10, 1899.

[NOTE.—In potting Gloxinias the inexperienced

sometimes unknowingly place the crown end down, as most of the roots push out about the crown. The base is usually oval and smooth, while the crown is rough or perhaps depressed. These points should be observed in potting to get the crown upward. After planting and watering well avoid liberal applications of water till growth begins. Keeping the soil too wet just after potting often causes the tubers to decay.—Ed.]

The Wild Campanula.—The beautiful blue Harebell grows most luxuriantly on hills, or amongst lofty cliffs near the sea, but it is also to be found on the wild moor or mountain, mixed with prickly furze and purple heath. None can fail to see in it the celebrated "Blue Bell of Scotland," and well it deserves the name, for few flowers can boast so bright an azure tint. The graceful blossoms bend and bow to every passing breeze; bending but not breaking, owing to the wiry elasticity of the slender stem.

It crowns the mountain with azure bells,
And decks the fountain in forest dells,
No rock is too high, no vale too low,
For its fragile and tremulous form to grow.

The scientific name, *Campanula rotundifolia*, meaning round-leaved Bell-flower, would appear to a careless observer ill suited to the long pointed leaves shooting out from the hair-like stem, and resembling tiny blades of grass, but those growing near the root are round or heart-shaped.

Holt Co., Mo., Jan. 9, 1899.

L. L.

NOTE.—The editor particularly admired the charming little Bluebells which hung so gracefully from their slender stems along the highway from Melrose, Scotland, to the home of Sir Walter Scott. The flowers were not large nor cupped as the Canterbury Bell, but were of the most lovely blue color imaginable.—Ed.]

Some Good Border Plants.—Among the best border plants I find are Pæonies, all colors, single and double, Day Lilies, Tiger Lilies, Bee Larkspur, Bleeding Heart, Valerian or Garden Heliotrope, Perennial Poppy, Coreopsis lanceolata, Fraxinella, Perennial Candytuft, Marguerites, Perennial Phlox, Platycodon, Iris, Hollyhocks, Sweet Williams, Perennial Pinks, double white Spirea and Japan Lilies. Add to these a good collection of bulbs of standard sorts and one is sure of a grand show of flowers.

Mrs. E. B. Murray.

Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 30, 1898.

Legion of Honor Marigold.—If you really wish a gleam of gold and sunshine have a pot of this flower in the window. By successive plantings the flowers may be had the year round. One pot graced our Thanksgiving table, and another had thirteen blossoms for Christmas.

Eliza Bradish.

Worcester Co., Mass., Dec. 29, 1899.

TRAILING ARBUTUS.

AN April sun gives my cheek a warm kiss through the window, and catching up my hat I call "Come, little daughter! Let's away to the hills to hunt for Arbutus." "Is it in bloom, Mama?" "That is what the sun says through my window." "Why, we had snow only last week." Then over the hills we go, wading through the dry brown leaves, and crawling under the densely grown Laurel on the north hill sides. On the cliffs above the creek it was not in bloom yet, but near the top of the hill we found the little pink stars. How exquisitely sweet they are! None of the brilliant beauty of Tulip or Peony, nor the airy graces of Lily or Rose, but just a wee, modest mountain flower. Yet not forgotten by the Maker who gave it that delicious perfume, and its petals that delicate blush of pink.

Few succeed in transplanting this little flower. It does not love the "haunts of men." It loves a well drained rich leaf mold. Take it up carefully leaving as much dirt to the roots as possible. The north side of a rockery is the best situation for it, or one might put it under the edge of the steps or veranda on the north side of the house, if the situation is not too low and damp—any place where it will be cool, shady, but not too wet.

Dry brown oak leaves make a good protection for it in the winter, or else dry grass or pine boughs stuck in the ground. Arbutus is quite hardy here, and does not need the protection to live, but I have noticed that where it is covered by leaves it blooms earlier. Of all flowers I love it most—perhaps because it grows here around my home and my first recollections are of climbing the hills in search of it.

Mrs. H. A. T.

Greenlee, N. C., Jan. 10, 1899.

[NOTE.—Clumps of Trailing Arbutus lifted in the fall or early winter and kept in a rather cool room will develop lovely clusters of the delicate fragrant bloom before spring, or long before the flowers in their native haunts appear. The buds are formed in autumn, and need only to have warmth and moisture to develop them.—Ed.]

Tree Oxalis.—A great many grow weary of the Geraniums and Coleus for house plants, but do not know just what to buy for satisfactory results. The Tree Oxalis is, in my opinion, one of the handsomest of plants. It will grow two feet in a summer, with bronze leaves, the underside red, and red stalks, and will cover itself with bright yellow blossoms, small and odorless. It wants sun and a rich earth, and plenty of water and shower baths. It is as handsome as any Begonia, and easier to cultivate.

Ray Richmond.

Dubuque Co., Iowa., Jan. 13, 1899.

ABOUT GERANIUMS.

IHAVE been very successful with Geraniums in the window. I find if we give too much pot room the plants grow more to foliage and bloom but very little. They tell us we must crowd the roots.

About the first of August I like to start my Geraniums for winter blooming, being careful to secure slips from the old stalk, as they are more sure to start. I start them early to get them well established during hot weather. Then they make rapid growth and are ready in the beginning of winter to decorate our rooms. When in bloom, if the plant can be kept out of the rays of the sun the flowers will retain their beauty much longer.

I use one-quart tin cans, filled with common black soil. During the fall and winter give a thorough wetting with liquid manure once a week as a fertilizer. Use moisture sparingly when in a semi-dormant state, but when in bud and bloom give plenty of water. I always use tepid water in watering any plants. If the Geraniums do not have quite a plenty of moisture they will drop their foliage, thus losing much of their beauty. Mrs. H. D. Smith.

Mitchell Co., Iowa, Jan. 13, 1899.

[NOTE.—The chief requirements of the Geranium as a window plant in winter are, a warm, sunny window, well-grown or prepared plants, and the use of varieties adapted for winter blooming. As a rule, single-flowered varieties are more free-blooming than the double-flowered sorts, and the buds are not so liable to blast or imperfectly develop. In growing the plants pot in a compost of half-rotted sods, sand and well-decayed manure, and shift into larger pots as the roots begin to crowd. Pick off buds, and pinch the top to promote bushy form. Such plants can be depended upon for fine clusters of bloom when winter comes, while those treated carelessly will scarcely produce a good display of leaves.—Ed.]

A Pot Trellis.—A year ago I bought a small plant of Boston Smilax which I placed in a pot. It soon began to grow and show a disposition to climb. So I got a smooth, slender stick about two feet long, sharpened one end and drove it into the soil in the center of the pot, and in the other end drove a common carpet tack. Strong black thread was then secured at one side of the pot by means of a hair pin, passed to the tack on top of the post, and given a turn, then to the other side of the pot, where the end was secured by a hair pin, as before. Several threads were thus passed over the post and the ends fastened at different places around the sides of the pot, making a pyramidal trellis. In the course of a few months this was covered with the delicate vines and shining foliage of the Smilax, and was a pyramid of lovely green, admired by all who saw it.

Smith Co., Texas, Jan. 7, 1899. M. P.

ABOUT TUBEROSES.

I WANT to say for the encouragement of others who, like myself, thought the Tuberose bulbs worthless after they have bloomed one year, that last year I proved to myself this was not the case. Mine all bloomed in my pit as late as January, then I lifted them, sod and all, after blooming, and put them on the floor of the pit, thinking I could not throw them away, and left them there until the middle of May, when I found they were attempting



PLANT AND FLOWER OF TUBEROSE.

to grow just where they were. At that time, having no place for them but in my vegetable garden, I dug holes and set the six clumps of bulbs just as they were. They received no extra attention, only they were worked every week, and fertilized with liquid manure once in a while, and they all bloomed finely. I hope others will not cast theirs aside, but do likewise.

Linda Beane.

Northumberland Co., Va., Jan. 28, 1899.

NOTE.—Almost every bulb of the Tuberose has several germs of flower spikes, only one of which develops in one season, and if well cared for during winter other spikes may subsequently develop. Also, the bulblets of a clump will often become of blooming size, if not detached when the older bulbs are planted. These facts account for the satisfactory blooming of the Tuberose bulbs reported above by our correspondent.—Ed.]

Sweet Peas.—Sweet Peas may be planted in March, when a few bright days have made the soil mellow and warm. Sow thickly in trenches. When the plants are nearly a foot high draw the soil up about the roots, and they will not turn yellow when dry weather comes on. Poultry netting is the best support for Sweet Peas.

Ruth Raymond.

Bradford Co., Pa., Jan. 14, 1899.

THE PATH IN THE WOOD.

That path in the wood where I used to roam
When the oak trees leaves were green,
And the wild bird built for herself a home,
Concealed by the leafy screen;
The world never seemed to be half so good
As it did when I went to that path in the wood.

There were old gnarled trees that the test of time
Had furrowed with nature's tears,
Where mosses grew with the clinging vine,
Half hiding the marks of years;
And ferns crept out wherever they could
On ragged old rocks near the path in the wood.

The twitter of song that came from the trees,
The gurgling voice of the brook,
The scent of the wild flower on the breeze,
The beauty of knoll and nook;
All went to make life better understood,
As I followed the way of the path in the wood.

The snow is deep and the air is chill,
And frost to the oak tree clings,
A north wind creeps up the icy hill
And an empty bird's-nest swings;
But days will lengthen and life will be good,
When spring takes us back to that path in the wood.

Florence Josephine Boyce.

Wash. Co., Vt., Dec. 10, 1898.



GRAFTING.

SCIONS for grafting are usually cut late in the fall, and stored in moist sand in the cellar. But hardy varieties may be cut at any time before the leaves begin to grow. Grafting out of doors begins in the spring with the first warm days and continues until the leaves are expanded in May, the scions being kept dormant. The best time is when the leaves on the stock are just pushing out, but with the plum and cherry, grafting should be done as early as possible. The peach is seldom grafted.

With large trees a branch is sawed off, the stock split, and a wedge inserted to hold it open while a scion is placed at each side, taking pains to make a close fit where the bark should meet. The cleft end wound should then be covered with grafting wax, to keep out the air, made of equal parts of resin, beeswax and mutton tallow melted together. Whip grafting and saddle grafting are methods of splicing the scions to the stock, offering larger surface of contact and being best suited to small stocks and in-door work.

Ida Belmer Camp.

Tuscola Co., Mich.,

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

ONE of March's first duties is the potting of Tuberous Begonia bulbs. It is none too early for attaining the best results. A pot having twice the diameter of the bulb will be large enough to begin with. Be sure to have good drainage as these Begonias must not be "soaked." Prepare a soil of one-third well-rotted, sifted manure, if obtainable, otherwise use a rounded tablespoonful of a reliable flower food to each pint of good soil. Fill the pot two thirds full, level it, then put on a fine layer of clean sand, just enough to well cover the soil, and on this set the bulb, concave side up; fill in around it with a soil not heavily fertilized as beneath. Cover an inch deep, water well, and set in a warm, sunny window. As a general rule, sprouts



TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

will show in a week or ten days. In case of longer delay it is well to dig up the bulb and be certain it was not set upside down, as is very often done by inexperienced growers.

By the last of April, some of the bulbs will need repotting, which ones can be ascertained by turning the pot upside down on the hand, with fingers each side of the stalk, and striking the pot a sharp rap on the shelf, which will loosen the ball of earth so it falls on the hand. If the roots are very thick and compact, particularly on the bottom, a larger pot should be given. Gently loosen the drainage from the ball of earth, and put it in the new pot, which should be but the next size larger. Put a half inch of fresh, rich soil on this, and set in the plant, then fill in around the edge,

carefully pressing down the new soil until level with the old soil.

Such repotting as described will not disturb the plant in the least, and it will not need shading, but can be put in the sun and go right on growing. As these are tender plants it is not safe to put them out doors until all danger of frost is past. The best results may be had by putting them in a bed of light, rich soil facing the morning sun and sheltered from the too powerful afternoon rays. Keep the soil loosened around the plants, shower occasionally, water freely, and cut all the withered blossoms, else they will form seed and weaken the blooming powers. At the approach of frost dig up the bulbs, dry off, and store in sawdust or fine sand during the winter.

Bergen Co., N. J.

K. W. Lawson.

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Lide.

Iola, Kan., Nov. 30, 1898.

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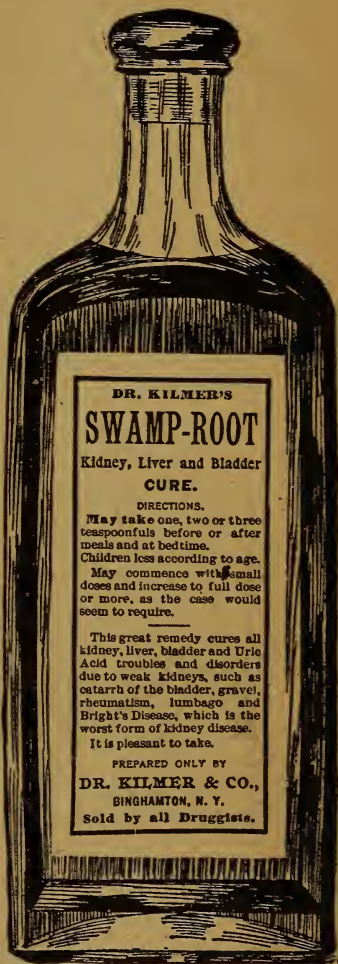
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LETTER NO. 18.

Passing the Ehrensfels ruins we come in sight of the city of Bingen at our right, on the opposite side of the river. As usual the roadway along the river is bordered with double rows of dwarf-pruned Linden trees, forming a beautiful avenue. Here a curious, ancient device for loading and unloading boats is to be seen. It is a gigantic crane at the summit of a square structure with small windows, built on the river's edge upon a massive brick pedestal. It appears as a big dome, the crane reaching out from the movable central part, at the summit, which is turned and operated by an arrangement upon the inside. We now pass several wooded islands in the river, get a view of the celebrated Johannesburg in the midst of great fields of grape vines showing the lovely red of the ripening fruit, the banks recede gradually, and are not precipitous. The river's edge is lined with lovely over-hanging willows, back of which, inland, we get glimpses of groups and avenues of tall poplars.

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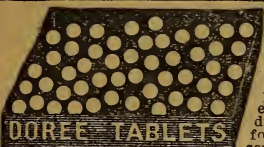
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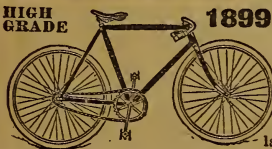
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Oh, the supernal beauty of this evening scene on the upper Rhine? I wish I could so describe it that the reader would get a mental glimpse of its glory, or that, in fancy, it might be reproduced even half as beautiful, or afford a modicum of the pleasurable emotions the writer experienced as he stood upon the deck of the river steamer and viewed the dreamy paradise spread out before him. The luxuriant and stately reeds which lined the rivers edge; the groups of bending willows and avenues of tall poplars casting long evening shadows; the cosy river villages with here and there old towers and castles; the farm landscape in the rear running off into hazy mountains; the groups of beautiful trees that dot this landscape, and the variously colored fields with woods, ravines, peaky hills, and spires and high towers in the distance—all, under the fresh glow of the evening sun, combine to make a picture that calls forth profound admiration. As I look upon the glorious field of nature I feel how insignificant are words to express, even in limited measure, the wealth of beauty that the mind realizes and enjoys.

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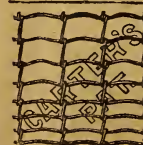


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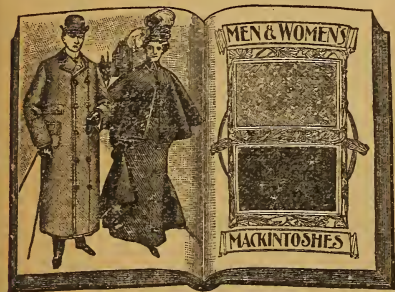


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THE EDITOR'S PICTURE.

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"Mr. Park:—I dreamed of seeing you the other night. I thought you had side whiskers, and looked to be about forty years of age."

A subscriber in Connecticut, acknowledging the receipt of her premium bulbs, adds,

"Mr. Park:—I think you are very liberal; and if you do as you have been requested, give us your picture in the MAGAZINE, I shall expect to see a very fat man, in verification of the scripture promise."

The scripture text was not quoted, but it is possible that the writer had in mind the Proverb,

"The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."—Prov. XI, 25.

Another subscriber sees the editor as an old man with gray hair and long gray whiskers.

With all of the models of the editor's enthusiastic friends he hesitates to give the requested portrait, as it might prove very disappointing. With the conglomeration of ideas he hardly knows how to pose, to meet the approbation of all.

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Phebe J. Taylor.

Indianola, Neb., Feb. 6, 1899.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

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Muck.—For a mucky soil use Cannas, *Caladium esculentum*, *Cyperus alternifolius*, *Erianthus ravenna*, *Iris Kämpferi*, *Iris Germanica*, *Conium maculatum*, *Zizania Aquatica*, *Lobelia cardinalis*, *Lobelia syphilitica* and *Hibiscus speciosus*. All of these thrive in muck, and revel in a close, moist soil that would kill many other plants.

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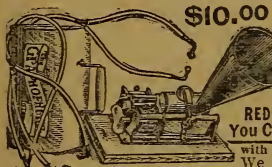
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Euclaire Co., Wis., Sept. 25, 1898.

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Plymouth Co., Mass., Dec. 23, 1898.

Dear Sir;—Your Magazine tells so much about flowers that, to read it, makes me hungry for them. I love flowers and, although I have but few at present, yet I hope some day to have enough to partly satisfy me at least. Effie C. Newey.

Oneida Co., N. Y., Nov. 8, 1898.

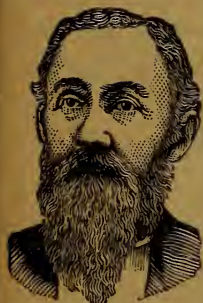
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Mrs. Annie Selby.

Randolph Co., Mo., Jan. 26, 1899.

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Milwaukee Co., Wis., Jan. 28, 1899.

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Christian Co., Ky., Oct. 3, 1898.

Ina King.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—The Gloxinias received last spring grew finely. The red one bloomed in September, and I never saw anything that was nicer. We receive the MAGAZINE with delight every month.

Mrs. C. Breitbach,

Douglas Co., S. Dak., Oct. 23, 1898.

Dear Sir:—The Premium Aster seeds and the Gloxinia bulbs which I got of you grew and gave the best satisfaction. I took some of the Asters and the Gloxinia to the Street Fair and Flower Show which was held here last month, and all received the first premium. I think this speaks well for your premium seeds and bulbs.

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Shiawassee Co., Mich., Oct. 1, 1898.

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Mrs. Anna Wilson.

Chautauque Co., N. Y., Jan. 24, 1899.

Mr. Geo. W. Park, Dear Sir:—I am well pleased with your lovely little MAGAZINE, and do not wish to lose a copy. I prize it very highly, as I do also the fine plants that you sent me with the book; they are thriving here on my plant stand, among many others, in spite of the change of hundreds of miles. I shall always be your friend,

Mrs. E. D. P.

Arapahoe Co., Col., Jan. 24, 1899.

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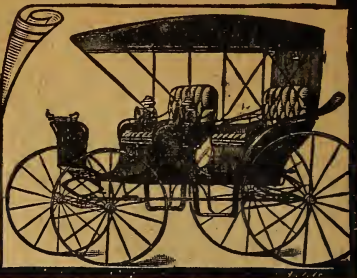
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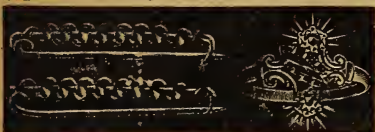
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Jan. 22, 1899.

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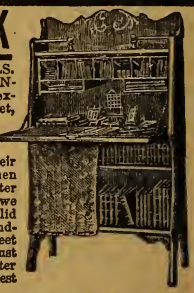
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Marshall, Logan Co., Okl., Jan. 10, 1899.

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